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Latest News

Utilities Claim EPA Lacks Authority For Ash Rule's Groundwater Mandates

Power companies are urging a federal appeals court to scale back or eliminate groundwater protection provisions in EPA's first-time Resource Conservation & Recovery Act (RCRA) coal ash disposal rule, arguing the agency lacks authority for those requirements and for mandates on closed "legacy" ash sites and other facilities.

On Plan's Eve, EPA Urged To Curb Methane From Existing Drilling Sources

Environmentalists are renewing their calls for EPA to eventually launch a new rulemaking to limit methane releases from existing oil and gas sources, saying the package of pending policies that the agency is slated to release in the coming days to curb the potent greenhouse gas (GHG) is unlikely to result in sufficient reductions.

D.C. Circuit's CSAPR Ruling Casts Doubt Over Future Interstate Air Trading

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit's ruling remanding Cross-State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR) "budgets" to EPA for reconsideration casts major doubt over the viability of any future agency interstate emissions trading program because of strict limits the court appears to place on such programs, sources say.

Environmentalists Ramp Up Push For EPA To Tighten Pending Utility ELG

Environmentalists are using meetings with top EPA

~~and White~~ House officials to ramp up their push for EPA to use one of the two strictest options it proposed ~~EPA's Gobesing trial power plant effluent limitation Goldetide Mine Master wastewater discharges from~~ to include various other measures to tighten the regulation.

EPA's Inspector General (IG)

~~Environmentalists EPA, Industry Agree On Schedule for CAFE Reporting Suit~~ and the agency's response

~~to the recent Gold King Mine Environmentalists, EPA and agriculture industry wastewater spill in Colorado~~ officials have agreed on a court briefing schedule in ~~litigation~~ revived by environmental petitioners in which a federal appellate court will review the legality of a 2008 EPA rule exempting concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs) from toxic reporting requirements, saying the study responds to

a congressional request.

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